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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,723-E1)

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In the Application of:

Juan Saus

Serial No.: 10/008,721

Filing Date: December 7, 2001

For: TNF-Inducible Promoters and Methods
For Using

Examiner: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1645

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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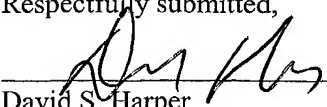
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Respectfully submitted,


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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the above-referenced application. This application was filed on December 7, 2001. However, to date, the Applicants have not received an office action. Applicants would gratefully appreciate receiving a written communication indicating when Applicants may expect to receive a first office action on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

8/19/03

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